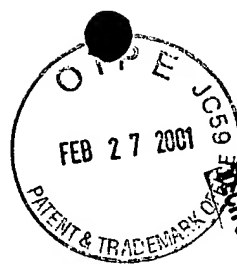


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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the references below, also listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. A copy of each is also enclosed.

The following articles are set forth by the indicated year of publication date:

AA. Dolphin, "H. Sapiens mRNA for flavin-containing monooxygenase 3 (FMO3)," EMBL, Accession No. Z47552 (1995).

AB. Lomri, et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 92: 9910 (1995).

AC. Naeve, et al., "Accuracy of Automated DNA Sequencing: A Multi-Laboratory Comparison of Sequencing Results," BioTechniques 19: 448-453 (1995).

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Applicants believe that their invention as claimed is patentable over the above references taken alone or in any combination. However, Applicants reserve the right to demonstrate that their claimed invention was made prior to any one or more of the above-

identified references. No inference should be drawn as to the pertinence of the references based on the order in which they are presented.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the foregoing references to make his own determination of the patentability of the present invention and that the references be made of record in the file of this application.

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I hereby certify that no item of information in the information disclosure statement filed herewith was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in Section 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

Although no fee is believed to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessitated by this transmittal to Townsend and Townsend Deposit Account No. 20-1430.

Respectfully submitted,

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